



▲ SOPHOMORES Michele Musgrove, left, of Corin, Mo., and Barb Fessler of Liberty, Mo., capture the Tiger spirit as they model Mizzou sportswear in the University Bookstore.

A COMMONS MEETING GROUND

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▼ THERE'S SOMETHING for everyone in the new student center. Visiting students from Bueker Middle School in Marshall, Mo., stare in wide-eyed amazement as a potter molds his magic in the mall area.



Thomas A. Brady, AB '24, would be pleased. As vice president for Extra Divisional Educational Activities, he organized, developed and supervised the student services program at Mizzou for 18 years until his death in 1964. In recognition of his dedication to students, the commons building, constructed in 1963, was named in his honor in 1967. Now,



▲ **MAKING A SELECTION** can be most difficult when eating at Brady Commons. Besides the deli shown above, Brady Grill and the Pizza parlor serve tasty treats.

▼ **FRESHMAN** Natasha Kaiser of Des Moines, listens as salesman Rick Hughes explains the intricacies of a computer on sale at Computer Spectrum.



▲ **"AHA, I FOUND IT!"** Ole Olson, a junior from St. Louis, locates a title among stacks that include the largest collection of retail books in Mid-Missouri.

▼ **STAFF WRITER** Paul Oakley makes himself comfortable as he gathers facts in the *Maneater's* new office in the lower level of the Student Center.





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Brady Commons has been expanded to meet the needs of today's student. Brady wouldn't have had it any other way.

A.K. Rahman, building director, describes the new University Bookstore and Student Center best.

"More and more, it looks like the heart of the Campus," he says. "That's where the action is."

To feel the Campus pulse, witness how students benefit from the \$2.9 million project, dedicated this past December.

Countless trips up and down stairs, or climbing over other students to find a book during the first week of class are no longer necessary. Contained within the 51,200 square feet of new space is the expansive University Bookstore, 25 percent larger and located on one floor. Its former location on two floors inside the original structure was inconvenient for students.

Now, says junior Dave Smallwood of Mexico, Mo., "We don't have to go all over the building to find books."

Bookstore manager Charles Kratochvil says added space allows proper merchandising and placement of products, resulting in substantial sales increases. Titles are easier to find, and the University Bookstore now boasts the largest offering of books in central Missouri.

Computer Spectrum, a software and hardware retail store, is located adjacent to the bookstore. According to manager Paul Musket, the store is three times busier at its new location, compared with its former space in Brady Commons basement. Students already owning computers come in to buy accessories. Increased visibility draws others in, "just to see what we have." That's important, because he predicts that students, in the near future, will need home computers to complete course work.

Candy Etc., a convenience store open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., provides relief to students who contract a case of late night munchies. Everything from candy bars to canned soup is available.

After a hard day of class, students can relieve hunger pangs by sampling a Mexican dish from Brady Grill, a slice of pizza from the Pizza Parlor, or a tuna salad sandwich from the delicatessen. A place in the expanded 488-seat dining area awaits. Being able to relax and eat between classes, without having to walk back to her residence hall is a real break, says Julie Kreckler, a sophomore from St. Louis.

A trip downstairs reveals the concept behind Brady Commons becoming more of a "student center." New offices provide a central location for student organizations formerly scattered across Campus. Occupants include an Activities and Organizations Center; Missouri Students Association; Graduate Professional Council; *The Savitar*; *The Maneater*; Greek Life; Associated Students of the University of Missouri; Minority

and Special Student Programs; International Students Services; and a copying service. Two large conference rooms furnish ample student meeting space.

New MSA President Brad Scott, a junior from Blue Springs, Mo., predicts student organizations will become more active because they can now work from a central location.

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expanded facility, says Suzanne Holland, assistant vice chancellor for Student Services and director of the Office for Student Development. "Any new student will know where to go to find out about student activities."

Scott gives credit to Holland, Rahman and Guy Conway, assistant director for student development/government activities, for allowing students a strong voice in the building of a facility that meets their needs.

"That part of Campus administration really does its job in considering student needs and opinions," he says.

The process continues. Feasibility studies for a third-floor banquet center will begin this summer, Rahman says. Events like the Homecoming dance, concerts and Greek Week banquet could be held there.

The original structure contains the MSA Craft Studio, a darkroom, the television lounge, Missouri Student Federal Credit Union, and the basement bowling alley. In addition, pre-registration is now done by computer at Brady Commons. Rahman is working to fill remaining space with private businesses. A barber shop, beauty salon, travel agency, florist, dry cleaner and jewelry store are under consideration.

The University Bookstore and Student Center is the first expansion of Brady Commons since its completion 22 years ago. Financing was provided through savings and a University loan.

Joe Lock, a sophomore from Carrollton, Mo., sums up what the new University Bookstore and Student Center means to students.

"You can live here if you want to," says the member of the *Maneater* staff. "You can cash a check, eat, go to the bathroom, study, buy books, sleep, listen to music, watch television, talk with your friends, everything."

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